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Witness recalls Taser

Neighbour says police 'had their hands full' responding to break-in call

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The man who was Tasered by police in Calgary's southeast Saturday night got what he deserved, according to a neighbour and witness.

Tom Allen said the man, who was fighting for his life in hospital after police used the stun gun on him, "got what was coming to him."

"(The police) had their

hands full," Allen said, adding he couldn't see everything, but that the man was resisting the officers.

Calgary police, who were called to the 500 block of 42 St. SE for reports of a break and enter around 8:15 p.m., were tight-lipped about the incident yesterday as Duty Insp. Keith Cain would say only that it's an Alberta Serious Incident Response Team investigation and any information would

have to come from them.

Five ASIRT investigators were on the scene and half of the block was taped off as they went through the building.

Allen said he heard some commotion going on next-door Saturday night and went out to check and see what was going on.

"It

"The next thing I heard was the police, they were everywhere."

Neighbour Tom Allen

sounded like my barbecue was being ripped off," Allen said. "But there was nothing going on, then about five minutes I

heard it again and again nothing, then the next thing I heard was the police, they were everywhere."

He also said he figured it was just a matter of time until someone broke into his neighbour's house as the Chinese couple that lived there moved about a month and a half ago, leaving the place vacant.

"The lights haven't been on in a long time," Allen said. "I'm just surprised no one broke in sooner."



The scene of a Taser incident that left a man in serious condition is probed yesterday.

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Natalie Struck, 23, Malarly Cloke, 21, and Allison Seidel, 25, show off their worn tootsies as the trio took part in a barefoot walk in downtown Calgary yesterday afternoon to raise awareness and money for the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

Group braves city barefoot to fight African plight

AWARENESS It's going to take a couple bars of soap and some serious elbow grease but Allison Seidel is certain her feet will come clean.

"It's going to take some

scrubbing," said Seidel, one of about a dozen who walked a mile barefoot around Calgary raising funds and awareness for the African AIDS epidemic yes-

terday. "We want to walk a mile in their shoes, well, in their lack of shoes because it's such a huge problem."

Seidel said she got the idea from the band Hanson,

who is promoting bare-footed walks on their current tour and will donate \$1 for every person that undertakes the cause.

NEIL MACKINNON/METRO CALGARY

Police arrest filmmaker for murder, seize script

SLAYING Police are alleging an Edmonton filmmaker brought a gory screenplay to life by killing a man he lured off the Internet under the guise of a woman.

Police have yet to find 38-year-old Johnny Altinger's body, but have arrested and charged fledgling filmmaker Mark Twitchell, 29, with first-degree murder. Police allege he killed Altinger in a horrific real-life adaptation of his recently penned psychological thriller.

Altinger was reported missing on Oct. 10, the same night he went to meet a woman from an Internet dating site.

Police allege Twitchell posed as the woman and lured Altinger to a rented garage on 57 Street and 40 Avenue, where he was filming a movie.

In the script, recently seized by police, a sociopathic killer lures victims to a garage, ties them to a chair, and chops them up.

Police are seeking another man they believe was lured to the garage on Oct. 3 but escaped after being chased by a man in a hockey mask.

METRO EDMONTON

Scholarship luncheon raises more than a quarter of a million dollars
The 15th annual Premier's Scholarship Luncheon at Bow Valley College on Friday was a huge success this year, as the post-secondary fundraising event netted \$256,000 from local donors and business leaders. To date they have raised over \$2 million to help BVC students
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Local

MADD Canada
project red ribbon



Project Red Ribbon

MADD Alberta chapters and the AMA were at Calgary EMS headquarters to launch the 2008 Project Red Ribbon campaign. The annual campaign, which invites drivers to display a red ribbon in the fight against drunk driving, delivers a message to Albertans asking them not to drive after consuming alcohol or drugs.
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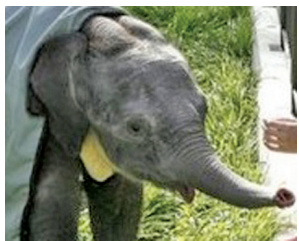
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Halt sought to breeding programs

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Animal rights activists are calling on the Calgary Zoo to stop breeding elephants after Malti, a 15-month baby pachyderm, died Saturday.

Zoocheck Canada's Trudy Sattler said the elephant herpes virus that killed Malti was likely passed down from one of the adults, and that the Zoo needs to stop their breeding program immediately to avoid any future deaths.

"It's a horrible tragedy," said Sattler. "If they don't stop their breeding program, they're just condemning more baby elephants to death."

Calgary Zoo spokesperson Laurie Herron said the genetics of their elephant population are highly valuable and they have no intentions of stopping their breeding program.

Herron also said that while an autopsy on Malti was expected to be completed yesterday, the Zoo will also be testing their entire adult population to find the source of the virus, which often shows no signs of its presence in adults, but is fatal for young elephants.

Herron said. "We're going to get as much information as we can from this and share it with other zoos so hopefully something can be done in the future to prevent something like this from happening again."

Time limits for memorials?

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James Walls recalls dipping his hands in his son's blood as he helped clean up the spot where the 18-year-old was struck and killed on his bicycle.

That was just over a year ago, June 2, 2007, and the next day, friends and fellow students from Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School set up a roadside memorial for Davis near the intersection of Anderson Rd. and Acadia Dr. SE.

Now, the city is looking at drafting a roadside memorial policy, possibly limiting the sites to one year and Walls just hopes his site, like others along Calgary roadways, are given the consideration they

deserve.

"It will always be the intersection where our son lost his life and went to heaven," Walls said.

"I'm not about to go for this huge battle and fight, if city hall decides they all have to come down, then so be it, but it is a real comfort to us and all these other families."

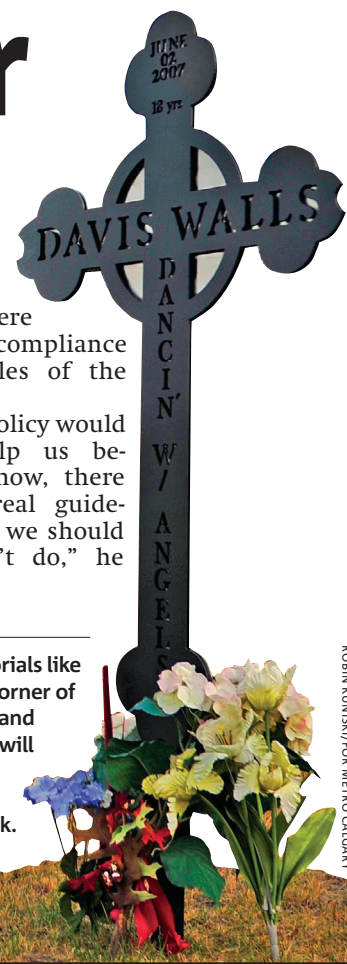
Calgary transportation planning's Troy McLeod said so far the roads policy has just been to leave things as they are for at least a year, then contacting the families involved and possibly taking roadside memorials down.

He said an upcoming report, commissioned by the city and conducted by the University of Calgary, shows that at some intersections where memorials

are placed, there is greater compliance with the rules of the road.

"A formal policy would certainly help us because right now, there aren't any real guidelines of what we should and shouldn't do," he said.

Roadside memorials like this one at the corner of Anderson Road and Acadia Drive SE will come under scrutiny by city council this week.



ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

House fire kills wife and husband

SOUTHERN ALBERTA A house fire early Saturday in a southern Alberta town has left two people dead.

Husband and wife, 76-year-old Abe and 71-year-old Marion Braun were identified as the deceased in the blaze, which was discovered by a nighttime Citizens on Patrol vehicle.

The fire is not suspicious in nature, neither the cause or damage estimate is known, but the investigation is ongoing.

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Abandoned building burns

INVESTIGATION Fire crews were called to an abandoned building at 630 - 12 Ave SE after reports of smoke coming from the building were reported shortly after 3 a.m. Sunday.

The building was fully involved when crews arrived at the boarded up building, then proceeded to search the building for occupants and were turned back because of heat and fire load.

Arson has not been ruled out, but the investigation is ongoing.
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McIver seeks mail-in, Internet vote

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Democracy may be getting a Calgary kick in the pants.

Only if it can be done securely, though, as Ald. Ric McIver calls on his city council colleagues today to request a study into the possibility of mail-in and Internet voting for those



Ald. Ric McIver

who are disabled, travelling, students elsewhere or soldiers. While McIver said it's every person's civic duty to get out and vote, his intention is to make it easier for

those who want to, not to encourage those who neglect their civic responsibilities.

"The idea is not to give a kick in the pants to everyone, but just make it easier for those who have already given themselves that kick in the pants," said McIver, noting a growing downward trend in voter turnouts both na-

tionally and provincially. "That's not something we can necessarily fix at the municipal level but we can do a better job for those who want to vote but can't."

McIver said he expects the move would bring in thousands of more voters who aren't currently able to scratch their X's for whatever reasons.

Pipeline blasts linked to locals

B.C. Investigators probing another deliberate explosion that targeted natural gas pipelines in northeastern B.C. believe a local could be behind the attacks.

"When looking at when and where the attacks oc-

curred, it is safe to say that the person or persons responsible knows how to locate the sites and has knowledge of the sites," said RCMP spokesman Sgt. Tim Shields in a news conference Saturday.

METRO CANADA

Life quality good in city: Poll

IPSOS REID SURVEY Of 1,000 Calgarians, 69 per cent believe the overall quality of life in Calgary is good, according to an Ipsos Reid poll taken in September.

On the flip side, 58 per cent said the quality of

life in the city has worsened in the past three years, citing overpopulation, speed of growth and crime as the primary factors for the decline.

Crime topped the list as the most pressing issue.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

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Lotteries

Friday, Oct. 24

Super 7: 7, 10, 13, 14, 23, 39 & 41. Bonus 16

Saturday, Oct. 25

Lotto 6/49: 18, 25, 33, 40, 42 & 49. Bonus 19

These results are not official.

Poppy campaign underway

The 2008 Poppy Fund Campaign was launched on Saturday at The Military Museums by the Calgary Poppy Fund. Also launched was the 2nd annual Veterans and Seniors Food Drive – donation can be made at Crown Surplus at 1005 – 11 St SE. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Urban Compass



Gone, not forgotten: Instead of treats, at the zoo you get... education? These headstones mark the extinction of global species.



I've got you, my pretty: Dorothy (Sabrina Haley) doesn't seem all that afraid of the Wicked Witch. Perhaps that's because it's her daughter, four-year-old Alannah.

Littler is cuter: Four-month old Rhys Lawrence puts the Zoo's slogan to the test. OK, so maybe his mom, Megan, dressed him. But at least he's a good sport about it.

Family a-scary: Beth Haley and her son John terrify some little kids with their evil costumes. That's sick! (But also kinda funny.)



That's the spirit: Calgarian Carol Verkerk comes to Boo at the Zoo for her kids, she swears.

Spidey senses: Just like Spiderman, four-year-old Troy Squires is a tiny bit camera shy. Thank goodness for that mask.

Where to get scared

Turns out, trick-or-treating is passé — youngsters in the know were more likely to celebrate Halloween at the zoo or the mall

Halloween has become big business. The Retail Council of Canada reported last year that Albertans are the second biggest purchasers of Devil's Night paraphernalia in the country.

Of course, our ghostly expenditures don't even rival the ghastly ones of the upcoming Christmas holiday season. But Halloween could be headed there. So if people are spending at Halloween, why does trick-or-treating seem to be on the decline?

"(Families) are doing the malls or whatever," says Calgary mom, Carol Verkerk. "Doing the mall" means going to an indoor Halloween party at a Calgary mall. One example, Southcentre held a Halloween Spooktacular event Oct. 31 with treats and family games.

"The malls are a bit more kid-friendly at this point," says Ryan Lawrence, dad of two. "Our kids are kind of young for trick or treating," adds his wife, Megan. Their oldest is three.

Parents like the Lawrences are also taking their kids to events like Boo at the Zoo. Initiated 13 years ago, Boo shares some similarities with Zoolights in that it's a reason to visit in the off season. Boo ran from Oct. 24 to 28.

The not-so-scary toddler and preschool portion fell during daylight hours, while older kids "zombie walked" after dark.

"The malls are a bit more kid-friendly at this point." Ryan Lawrence

Zoo marketing gal Tanya Kaynes says Boo brings in "incremental revenue" for the non-profit (yup, the zoo's a charity). Although kiddies don't care about that. They just wanna' have fun.

And indeed, they did. Urban Compass witnessed lions, elephants, butterflies, princesses and superheroes on a costume parade to Elephant Crossing.

They roared, squawked, danced (and cried a little) through carnival games.

UrbanCompass

Heather Setka



There were magicians, fire artists and movies. Everyone went home with a treat bag. "(It's) twice the fun of regular

trick or treating," Kaynes says.

Hold up there. What could be more fun than putting a snowsuit over a super cool Halloween costume and hitting up strangers for candy?

Nothing, says Beth Haley. "(Trick or treating) has had so much negative publicity," says Haley, who brought her two adult children and granddaughter to Boo. "It's gotten to the point where no one wants to do it anymore. But it's our favourite."

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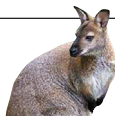
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Wendell, left, a three-year-old Bennett wallaby, has been missing since high winds knocked over his enclosure at the Saunders Country Critters and Garden Centre near Ottawa last Tuesday, sparking a search that has attracted helpers from around eastern Ontario and New York state. **METRO CANADA**

Canada



Rae sets sights on Liberal leadership

Former Ontario Premier Bob Rae, left, all but officially announced he was entering the race to replace Stéphane Dion as the leader of the Liberal party. Over the weekend Rae confirmed his intentions to run, but has yet to make a formal announcement. Rae is expected to wait until the party sets down the rules and timetable for the leadership campaign before officially throwing his hat in the ring. Rae also ran in the 2006 Liberal leadership race that Dion won. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Halifax airport avoids strike

DEAL The Halifax Stanfield International Airport reached a tentative deal with union officials representing airport employees over the weekend.

The Halifax International Airport Authority had been in talks with the Public Service Alliance of Canada and the Union of Canada Transportation Employees.

The deal still needs to be ratified by union members.

Jeannie Baldwin, Regional vice president for the Public Service Alliance of Canada said she was pleased to reach an agreement that recognizes the employees, "whose work has consistently resulted in helping this airport being recognized as No. 1 in its class in the world."

METRO CANADA

Rollover in Ottawa kills teen, injures 3

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada



A teenager is dead and three more young people are fighting for their lives after a car rolled into a ditch on Highway 416 near Ottawa and exploded early yesterday morning.

At around 1:43 a.m., Ottawa paramedics, city and provincial police and firefighters were called to Highway 416, where a four-door vehicle had crossed the centre line several times before rolling over and landing upside down in the ditch.

"Upon paramedic ar-

rival, the gas tank exploded," said Ottawa paramedic team leader Michael O'Brien. "It was extinguished fairly quickly by the fire department."

O'Brien said a 19-year-old male was discovered ejected from the vehicle, suffering from critical head injuries and multi-system trauma.

"Despite resuscitation efforts by advanced care paramedics, he was pronounced dead at the scene," he said.

Three other passengers, including an 18-year-old female and two males, ages 16 and 20, all suffered life-threatening injuries and were taken to local trauma centres.

The highway was closed for hours while Ontario Provincial Police investigated.

As of yesterday afternoon, police were still trying to determine the cause of the crash.

While speed is being probed as a contributing factor and police are looking into seatbelt use, Quigg said that "alcohol and drugs do not appear to be a factor."

Police initially reported that two people had been killed, but that report was incorrect, said Quigg. He said police are still notifying next of kin, but the names of the victims could be released today.

In-law Obama's Canadian relative



Senator Barack Obama has a Canadian in his family. His half-sister, Maya Soetoro-Ng, pictured, is married to Konrad Ng, a Chinese-Canadian from Burlington, Ont., and assistant professor at the University of Hawaii.

Woman found dead after scuba diving in Nova Scotia

JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro Canada



A woman is dead after scuba diving off of Sambro Island near Halifax this weekend.

The 28-year-old woman's name has not been released.

She died on Saturday morning after a dive from the boat Ryan & Erin about four or five kilometres off shore.

As luck would have it, a coast guard rigid inflatable boat was in the area heading out to do some work on a buoy.

"They basically overheard the distress call and were able to make it to the location in about six minutes," said Capt. Edward Stewart with the Joint Rescue and Co-ordination Centre.

Stewart said he didn't know if her fellow divers had pulled her out of the water at that point, but the woman was unresponsive when the rescue team got there.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Peter McTiernan said the cause of the woman's death is still 'very much in the air' and they are investigating. An autopsy was scheduled for yesterday afternoon.



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All offers and conditions contained within the ad are invalid.

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Teen pregnancy, aggressive behaviour linked to media: U.S. study

Exposure to some forms of entertainment is a corrupting influence on children, leading teens who watch sexy programs into early pregnancies and children who play violent video games to adopt aggressive behavior, say researchers at the RAND research organization. **REUTERS**

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World



U.S. kids increasingly medicated

More and more U.S. children are being given drugs to fight chronic conditions such as asthma and hyperactivity, according to a new study. From 2002 to 2005, prescriptions for medicines to treat Type 2 diabetes doubled, asthma medications rose by more than 46 per cent, medicines for ADHD increased by more than 40 per cent and prescriptions for cholesterol-lowering drugs were up by 15 per cent.

REUTERS

Campaign '08: True lies

The opposing campaigns in the 2008 U.S. presidential race have come under closer scrutiny

McCain

1 When: June 5, Aug. 27.
Claim: Obama blocked a vote labelling Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization; he declared the Iran threat "tiny."

FACTCHECK: Obama co-sponsored a bill calling the Revolutionary Guard a terrorist group; and Obama actually said Iran was a "tiny" threat – in comparison to Russia. McCain left that important bit out.

2 When: July 3, July 8, July 14, Aug. 12, Sept. 12, Sept. 18.
Claim: Obama wants to raise taxes for anyone on more

ny than ever before thanks to websites such as www.politifact.com and www.factcheck.org,

than \$32,000 US and has voted 94 times for tax increases.

FACTCHECK: Most earning under \$250,000 a year would see taxes fall. Of the 94 votes, 23 were against tax cuts, not for tax raises; and seven would have produced lower taxes.

3 When: Sept. 4, Sept. 12, Sept. 22.
Claim: Sarah Palin said she had opposed, all along, the Bridge to Nowhere in Alaska.

FACTCHECK: Palin supported the project during her run for governor. She still received all the funds for the bridge, but could spend them as she liked.

which analyze candidates' claims for accuracy.

And the fact is that

Obama

1 When: April 29
Claim: McCain wants U.S. troops to remain in Iraq for 100 years.

FACTCHECK: McCain was referring to peacetime, as in Korea and Japan.

2 When: July 14, Aug. 14.
Claim: Obama said he would fast-track alternatives to imported oil. He also said if Americans properly inflated their tires, it would save as much oil as offshore drilling would produce.

FACTCHECK: The fast-track is a ten-year research fund. That's all. And the claim

Barack Obama and John McCain have lied almost constantly. Here are examples. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

about properly inflating tires is absolute nonsense.

3 When: Sept. 19, Sept. 20.
Claim: Obama says McCain wants to cut benefits in half, that McCain wants to invest retirement funds in the stock market and elderly women would starve because of recent stock market turmoil.

FACTCHECK: Existing retirees would be unaffected. In fact, no one born before 1950 would even be touched.

Read biographies of both candidates and more election coverage at metronews.ca/world.

Metro readers back Obama

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SURVEY According to Metro readers worldwide, yes he can. And he will.

Respondents to a recent Metro Life Panel survey overwhelmingly support Democratic candidate Barack Obama as the next president of the United States.

Three quarters of those surveyed say they hope Obama defeats Republican John McCain in tomorrow's election. About 70 per cent of Canadians surveyed back Obama. Even more Metro readers believe Obama will win: 82 per cent (80 per cent in Canada).

Whoever does win will have some fences to mend. A staggering 85 per cent of respondents believe the reputation of the U.S. has worsened in the eight

years under George W. Bush's presidency — that number rises to 92 per cent among American respondents.

But when it comes to what the next president should make his top priority — it's the economy, stupid. More than half of Metro readers say the financial crisis is the key issue for the next U.S. administration. Americans (67 per cent) and Canadians (65 per cent) feel most strongly about that.

The survey involved readers from Canada, the United States, Spain, France, Italy, Portugal, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Hungary.

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Comment & Views

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It's a mag, mag world in winter

HineSight

Anne Hines



November. Time to participate in some traditional Canadian winter activities.

Such as complaining and checking out immigration opportunities in Bermuda.

The key to getting through winter is to get out-

side and do something enjoyable. I favour a nice brisk run to the store to grab some magazines and then hole up for the duration.

I once read a stunning statistic that said the average Canadian reads more magazines per year than ... well ... people who don't read as many. So today, I bought my stash.

First up, a glossy money management magazine. The lead article advises me to "Put all disposable assets into buying discounted stocks." I would do that, but I just used them to buy the magazine.

Women's magazines are often accused of being solely obsessed with weight loss. This is untrue. The one I bought was also obsessed with sex.

A women's monthly had the usual piece on "the secret to keeping off the weight." I always think these articles should be titled, "Never eat anything you really like ever again."

Women's magazines are often accused of being solely obsessed with weight loss. This is untrue. The one I bought was also obsessed with sex. How to do it,

when to do it, who to do it with. In my life that kind of list usually pertains to a car pool. I did enjoy the article "Money can't buy happiness", which would have been even better if it weren't followed by a ten-page spread of the trendiest bags and accessories that assure you it absolutely can.

A high-fashion rag featured Brooke Shields wear-

ing "Fabulous Holiday Party Fashions." It never bothers me that that I don't own any of those gorgeous clothes. It occasionally bothers me that I'd have nowhere to wear them if I did.

A psychology review offered tips for improving your memory. The key is to focus on what you're doing. Concentrate. At least, I think it was. I kind of lost interest part-way through. What I want to know is why can I remember all the words to the Gilligan's Island theme song but not the grocery list I made out ten minutes before I left for

the store.

Finally, a health magazine promised, "Reading this will make you feel better." The solution is, incredibly, eat properly, exercise and get enough sleep.

This would have made me feel better if I hadn't spent \$8.99 for what my mother keeps telling me for free. They also gave, "Ten Coping Strategies for Making It Through Winter."

Tip # 1? Buy magazines.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Views

No quick fix for violence

By Christine Williams

On Oct. 21, 14-year-old Rajiv Dharamdial took a shortcut home from school in Brampton, Ont. through a field when he was attacked and stabbed. The youngster dialed 9-1-1 for help and gave police important clues to help find his youth killers, but he didn't make it.

Rajiv's aunt railed against a justice system that she called lax with youth criminals. She isn't alone, as citizens across the country are increasingly outraged by violent crimes linked to gangs. Ironically, a week before Rajiv's burial, the court case began, involving the murder of innocent 15-year-old Jane Creba, gunned down in broad daylight while shopping on Toronto's busiest street on Boxing Day in 2005, highlighting yet another dramatic tragedy of youth violence.

Out-of-control violence is no respecter of persons, nor place. Take, for instance, last weekend's suspected gang-related shootout inside a Calgary strip mall restaurant, killing a man and woman in their



Christine Williams

20s. It's time to quit the politicking about banning handguns as a solution. Criminals don't obey gun bans. Canada already has strict regulations on gun ownership, which included the expansion of the gun registry in the mid-'90s.

The projected cost of \$119 million for the gun registry has now ballooned to \$20 billion, according to documents obtained by the CBC. Besides, it was a knife that killed Rajiv. Think what \$20 billion could do to curb youth violence?

Some government programs seem to be a step in the right direction. In September, former federal minister of public safety Stockwell Day announced \$5 million in

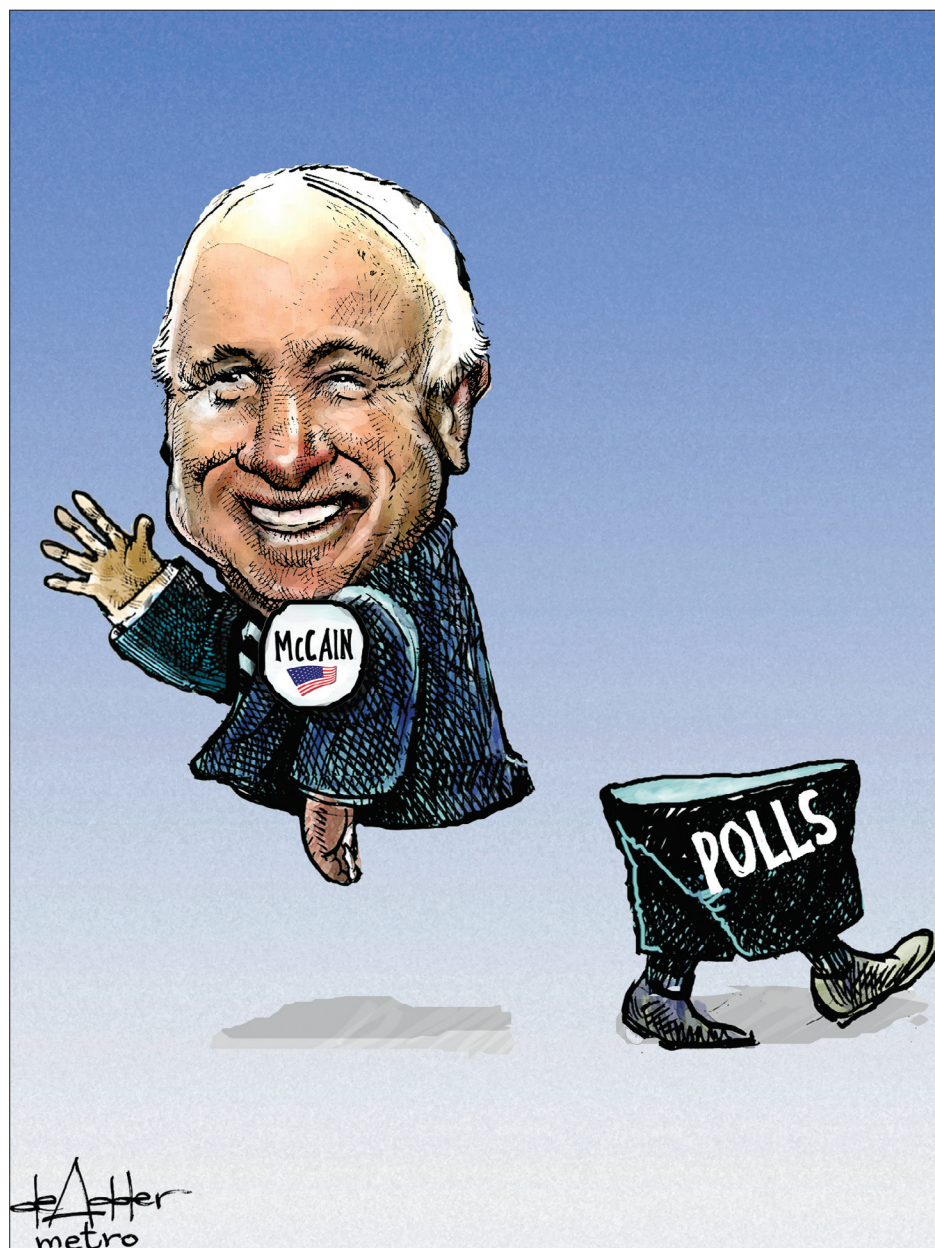
funding out of a \$33-million National Crime Prevention Strategy — for a project aimed at preventing and reducing gang activity in Toronto. Ontario has also funded community-based mentoring programs. And in Edmonton, police have reiterated calls for a preventative solution.

Most perpetrators of deadly violence are poor youth with gang affiliations, whose families are in desperate need of education and mentorship. Many are trapped in a vicious cycle of children having more children. Take for example, the horrific shooting of 18-year-old Amon Beckles in 2005 at a Finch-area Toronto church. He was attending the funeral of his friend who was also gunned down. Amon was a father.

Like Amon, many victims of gang crimes are involved in gangs, so mainstream society understandably empathizes more when a knife or bullet kills young innocents. If we toughen penalties, then they need to be combined with mandatory rehabilitation strategies to lower the rate of recidivism. But the best hope is prevention.

Kudos to the dedicated individuals within high-risk communities who are working tirelessly on the front lines by mentoring and educating.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.



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Third Quebecer pleads guilty in gas-fixing case

Pierre Bourassa, a former sales representative for Les Pétroles Global Inc. in the Sherbrooke and Magog regions, pleaded guilty Friday to a Quebec gas price-fixing case. He was given a 12-month community service sentence. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Business

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Business in brief

MEDIA Bond-rating agencies DBRS and Moody's said they were putting CanWest Global Communications Ltd.'s debt ratings under review since shares in the media company have lost two-thirds of their value since September.

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Investors await election results

Canadian investors will be riveted by the U.S. presidential election this week, searching for signs that a new leader will help steer markets clear of the financial crisis threatening the global economy.

Though the benchmark index of the Toronto Stock Exchange has barely budged the day after the last five U.S. elections, this time promises to be different because of the market meltdown.

Tomorrow's election will remove all guesswork about who the next president will be and will let the United States focus anew on efforts to steady the economy.

"Regardless of whether

(Barack) Obama or (John) McCain gets in, the removal of that uncertainty factor might boost equity markets in the very short term," said Elvis Picardo, analyst and strategist at Global Securities. **REUTERS**

Singapore Disgruntled investors



Former National Trades Union Congress chief Tan Kin Lian, centre, stands with some 200 disgruntled investors at Speaker's Corner in Singapore on Saturday to protest against banks who they say mis-sold products linked to Lehman Brothers.

Hollywood North looks to recover

FILM As the Canadian loonie reached parity with the American greenback earlier this year, producers of multimillion-dollar feature films began moving their productions to New York because it is less expensive to shoot there, an insulting role reversal for Hollywood North. But things are beginning to look up as investors invest in the U.S. dollar, a safe haven, causing the loonie to fall. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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When regulatory structure fails

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



Consensus is growing that the failure of governments to effectively regulate the banking sector is largely responsible for the huge economic mess we're now facing. Throughout the past few decades, those who were entrusted to protect the public interest have accepted as gospel the idea that governments should get out of the way and let markets self-regulate, with

disastrous results.

Unfortunately, that ideology has infiltrated our governments' thinking beyond the financial markets. At the heart of many of our most pressing environmental crises is the same belief that governments should abandon their regulatory responsibilities and allow the private sector to get on with business.

I was reminded of this regulatory failure in early October when TransCanada Corporation, one of the world's largest pipeline companies, was granted rubber-stamp approval for a massive gas pipeline across northern Alberta. The pipeline will eventually bring natural gas from the Canadian north over to the Fort McMurray area, where it will be used to fuel further tar sands exploitation.

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The pipeline will cross lands belonging to the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation, a small aboriginal community that has fought for decades to have its ancestral lands in the boreal woodlands of northern Alberta recognized and protected. Throughout that time, the Lubicon have seen their traditional way of life eroded as their lands have been leased out to oil and gas companies at a breathtaking pace. They've seen more than 2,000 oil and gas well sites, 32,000 kilometres of seismic lines, and more than 2,000 kilometres of roads pushed through their forests.

The Lubicon Nation is concerned that the new pipeline will not bring long-term benefits to the community, but will instead bring more feeder lines, more clearing, and more gas exploration and other industrial activity that will further fragment and degrade their once-rich hunting and trapping grounds in the boreal forest.

I have followed the Lubicon struggle with great interest. They were a people who lived traditionally off the land until the 1970s when they discovered that development — seismic lines, electrical lines, roads, etc. — was beginning to have an impact

on their territory. They chose to fight the plans of the multinational Japanese paper company Daishowa Inc. to clearcut their boreal forests, and for years, they worked tirelessly to protect their land.

Not once but four times now the United Nations has chastised Canada for failing to resolve the Lubicon land-rights dispute, calling what is happening to the Lubicon an abuse of their human rights under international covenants. In August, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination wrote to Canada, saying there are "doubts as to whether the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Utilities Commission may legitimately authorize the construction of a pipeline across Lubicon Territory without prior Lubicon consent."

The struggle is not new. From Haida Gwaii to Lubicon to Grassy Narrows and countless other aboriginal communities, First Nations people have stood up against powerful industrial interests and indifferent governments.

Ultimately the Lubicon's struggle is about keeping all of us safe. The responsibility of governments to protect the environment hasn't received the same attention from politicians as the recent financial collapse, but in the long run environmental deregulation by government threatens to do a lot more damage to our economies, the health of our ecosystems, and our well-being.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

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Brodeur's streak comes to an end

New Jersey Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur has been ruled out for today's tilt with the Buffalo Sabres after suffering a bruised left elbow in Saturday's game against Atlanta. Brodeur will see his streak of consecutive regular-season starts end at a career-high 51 games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

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Youngest champ yet

McLaren's Lewis Hamilton, left, roared into the record books as Formula One's youngest champion yesterday when he snatched the title in last lap drama at the Brazilian Grand Prix. Needing to finish fifth to win the title, Hamilton began the final lap in sixth place, but passed Toyota's Timo Glock on the final corner to seal the championship.

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Flames burned by Ducks

NHL RECAP

Ducks 3 Flames 2



THE SKINNY: The Ducks built up a 3-0 lead and held on for a one-goal win to end Calgary's winning streak at six games.

TOUGH TIMES: With the setback, the Flames have now lost eight straight regular-season games at Anaheim's Honda Centre dating back to Jan. 19, 2004.

THE QUOTE: "We want to get back on a winning streak and hopefully keep playing like we have been the last couple weeks," Calgary forward Rene Bourque told Rogers Sportsnet.

LUCKY SEVEN: Wearing No. 7, former Anaheim forward Todd Bertuzzi scored his team-leading seventh goal of the season for the Flames at 7 p.m. on the West Coast.

RYAN GETZ GOING: Former Calgary Hitmen forward Ryan Getzlaf notched a goal and an



Calgary's Daymond Langkow tries to check Anaheim's Rob Niedermayer, front, as he comes from behind the net on goalie Miikka Kiprusoff yesterday in the Ducks's 3-2 win over the Flames.

assist for the Ducks. After recording just one assist in his first four games this season, Getzlaf has four goals and nine helpers during a six-game point-scoring streak.

THE BIG SAVE: Anaheim

netminder Jean-Sebastien Giguere stood his ground late in the third period and blocked a close-in shot off the stick of Calgary's Daymond Langkow to preserve the win for the Ducks.

THE NEXT GAME: The Flames now return home to the 'Dome to face Wayne Gretzky's Phoenix Coyotes on Tuesday night (8 p.m., Sportsnet, Fan 960).

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Stamps embrace Obama's message

DAN TOTH
for Metro Calgary



CFL A quick straw poll of the Calgary Stampeders locker room reveals the almost unanimous sentiment that it's "A Time For Change."

The American-born players paid to wear red are sporting very blue colours in support of Barack Obama in Tuesday's U.S. presidential election. Many of them have already sent mail-in ballots with their 'X' indicating support for the party that's flaunting the phrase "A Time For Change."

That same sentiment reflects how the Stamps feel about their playoff fortunes after ending the Canadian Football League regular season Saturday with a 41-30 win over the B.C. Lions.

As they prepare to host the West Division final Nov. 15, the Stamps feel it's Time For Change under new head coach John Hufnagel after losing their last three post-season appearances.

"I've already mailed in my vote because we don't want another four years of what we've gone through the last two terms," offered

quarterback Henry Burris.

"As for the team, Huff's been a great guy to help direct the changes for the Stampeders this season, even though we were going in the right direction before. Guys on this team aren't satisfied yet. This team is hungry to do so much more in the playoffs."

The Lions finished the season in third place and now have to travel to Regina Saturday to face the Roughriders in the West semifinal. The winner returns to Calgary Nov. 15 to face the Stamps in the West final and a shot at earning a berth in the Grey Cup game Nov. 23 in Montreal.

The 13-5 Stamps finished the regular season with their best record since 1996, but none of that matters if they can't change their playoff fortunes.

"That's exactly what it is for us this season, a time for change and you will see a change from us in the playoffs," argued receiver Jeremaine Copeland, another supporter of Obama.

"The past is in the past, we have a new future and this time we're going to take another step forward."

Tennessee continues winning ways

NFL ROUNDUP

FOOTBALL Rob Bironas kicked a 41-yard field goal 5:24 into overtime to keep the Tennessee Titans unbeaten with a 19-16 victory over the Green Bay Packers at LP Field yesterday.

Bironas had a chance to

end the game in regulation, but his 47-yard attempt as time expired bounced off the right upright. The Titans won the coin toss to start the extra period and immediately gave him another chance.

Dolphins 26 Broncos 17 — At Denver, Ronnie Brown rushed for a score

just outside of three minutes remaining in a two-point game and Will Allen had a 32-yard interception return for a touchdown as Miami held off Denver.

Jets 26 Bills 17 — At Buffalo, Abram Elam returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown and Thomas Jones ran for

a score, as New York downed Buffalo in an important AFC East matchup.

Bears 27 Lions 23 — At Chicago, Rex Grossman filled in for an injured Kyle Orton and ran for the winning touchdown as Chicago came from behind to down Detroit.

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University of Lethbridge lures renowned neuroscientist

Workology



Habs worship

In January, the Université de Montreal's theology faculty will offer a course on the relationship between religion and the Montreal Canadiens. The hockey team has several religious connotations, such as its French nickname Sainte-Flanelle (the Holy Flannel). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Just be your ornery, difficult self

OddJobs

Diane Peters



One afternoon, in the bush outside Kingston, Ont., Vesna Saric blockaded the road with a pile of rocks and demanded money for her two dead sheep.

The soldier she was speaking to through an interpreter did his best to calm her down, kindly refusing her requests for money and eventually getting her to clear the road.

Half an hour later, it was over. Another successful military training exercise complete. The soldier learned a little about dealing with civilians in difficult situations and Saric simply had fun doing her job.

As a military role player, Saric, 53, has done dozens of these types of simula-



Vesna Saric trains soldiers not to need to use violence in tough situations.

tions to help members of the Canadian Armed Forces learn to negotiate and communicate with locals in the countries they're visiting.

Saric is Bosnian and was an Arabic/Serbo-Croatian interpreter in her home coun-

try and in the Middle East. But the after-effects of war made her decide to immigrate to Canada, and she moved to Ottawa in 2002. Through an agency, she started doing part-time work for the Department of

National Defence, briefing military staff on Bosnian culture.

Two years later, she was asked to help gather a group of Bosnians to act as role players for a training exercise. They headed off to

Kingston for five days. In the ten different scenarios they staged, Saric and her fellow role players pretended to be villagers, chiefs of police and hospital administrators. "They're not actors. The only big requirement is that they play themselves," says Saric.

Although the days were long and the exercises had to be repeated for every soldier doing the training (one actor would do the part a handful of times and then another would step in), the work was fun. All the role players had to do was follow a very basic script, be helpful if the soldier did things right and become increasingly difficult

The Lowdown

Job title: Military Role Player.

Education/training: You must be able to follow a simple script and basic instructions in English — but otherwise talk in your native tongue and be yourself.

Best Part of the Job: "It's very big fun. It's also nice to help soldiers learn to communicate with people who are not native English speakers."

Worst Part of the Job: "Waking up at 4 a.m. to be on the job in Kingston at 8 a.m."

if he or she was rude or broke a cultural rule. Even if different actors played the same role in a vastly different way, that was fine: Soldiers are going to meet all kinds of people while on deployment.

Saric has just completed her masters in political science at Carleton University and is looking for a new job that suits her skills. She still helps organize training scenarios, and recruits people to role-play locals from Afghanistan, Somalia, Haiti and Sudan — places Canadian forces are deployed today. With few Canadian soldiers in Bosnia today, she just participates in sessions where various ethnicities are needed, and does it about twice a month. That's fine: She still gets to be herself.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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Garth not returning to Melrose Place

Actress Jennie Garth has refused to return to Melrose Place for a planned remake of the hit TV series. "I don't want to do it," she says. IMDB.COM

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Entertainment

**Spidey scribe**

Pulitzer Prize-winner David Lindsay-Abaire, the man behind the hit show *Rabbit Hole*, is in talks to write the screenplay for *Spider-Man 4*. IMDB.COM

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Trip down memory lane

Author Anne Enright revisits old material in latest book

JIM REYNO
for Metro Canada



Most of us, if we're truthful, look at old pictures of ourselves and cringe a bit. The same can be said of writers revisiting their words.

"It's really hard to read old work," said author Anne Enright. "Essentially, yes — you'd go back and do it all again. And the other thing is, you can't do it all again because you're 10 years older. You're a different person."

Enright, winner of last year's Man Booker Prize for her novel, *The Gathering*, has taken a look back

through her prose. Yesterday's *Weather* is a retrospective collection of short stories being released in North America for the first time. Its tales of love and family are presented in reverse chronological order.

"It was a very amusing thing to do, and I thought actually that people might forgive the earlier stories," Enright said with a laugh. "Or they might go, 'Oh God, she's really gone off!'"

In the stories, the Dublin writer reveals both sides of her characters: We see their social interaction, as well as what's going in the limitless expanse of their thoughts.



Anne Enright's latest book is called *Yesterday's Weather*.

"They're mostly about ordinary women who have an extraordinary inner life," Enright said. "That's how I phrase it. They have small lives and large thoughts, which I think is basically what we all have, one way or another."

Enright assumes various

perspectives in her stories. There's a wife who lives with a promiscuous husband; a daughter whose parents find new life on a vacation cruise; and a new mother overwhelmed by her in-laws in the title story.

"I get a very strong response from that, I really

do," Enright said. "Especially from men, funnily enough ... If people have been in the zone, which is such an extreme place, when babies are tiny — you just don't know what the hell has hit you."

Enright said some people believe the stories are autobiographical. Not her.

"A lot of the characters in that collection are versions of people who aren't me," she said in a phone interview from a Toronto hotel. "So it's like: Not me, not me, not me. It's all these 'not me's' ... They're aspects of yourself that you wouldn't choose to develop, necessarily."

"There's freedom in fiction — that's one of the things we like about it. They are freedoms I took, I suppose."

weekend box office

- 1 High School Musical 3: Senior Year:** \$15 million US
- 2 Zack and Miri Make a Porno:** \$10.7 million
- 3 Saw V:** \$10.1 million
- 4 Changeling:** \$9.4 million
- 5 The Haunting of Molly Hartley:** \$6 million
- 6 Beverly Hills Chihuahua:** \$4.7 million
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Michael rules out Jackson 5 reunion



Daniel Craig as James Bond.

Bond sets opening day record in U.K.

MOVIES The new James Bond film, *Quantum of Solace*, debuted in Britain Friday to record one-day ticket sales of \$8 million US, distributor Columbia Pictures said.

The total tops Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, the previous record holder with an opening day haul of \$6.5 million in 2005, and it also beat the \$4.72 million total for *Casino Royale*.

In *Quantum of Solace*, British spy Bond (Daniel Craig) is on a mission across South America and Europe to stop an eco-terrorist from controlling precious natural resources, and he wants to learn why the woman he loved in *Casino Royale* betrayed him.

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LunchRush

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The Greek Salad Steak Wrap with the upgraded soup option is \$12.99 at Moxie's Classic Grill.

Reliable is a word that has many connotations. It can mean consistency and comfort or it can mean boring and plain. When describing my recent visit to Moxie's Classic Grill I choose to use the descriptive word 'reliable.' But which ver-

sion am I referring to? Let's find out.

Esthetically speaking Moxie's is what you would expect from a national chain: The booths are large, the lounge is separate and the ambience is trendy and upbeat. The ever changing menu is mixed with anything rang-

ing from salads and pasta to pizza and steaks. I opted for something from the lunch menu, a Greek Salad Steak Wrap with the upgraded soup option (\$12.99). The flavour was plentiful and the portion size was just right for lunch as it was satisfying without being too heavy.

Moxie's is always a great reliable stop for lunch. The service is always fast, the food is always tasty and the staff always keeps it engaging.

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My conclusion: In this instance my use of the descriptive word 'reliable' is a well deserved compliment.

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Yummy mummy

Actress and talk-show co-host Kelly Ripa is the hottest mom in Hollywood, a list compiled by Fox News.com shows.

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●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Goodnight sweet King of the Hill

THE LIVING AND THE DEAD Either everybody was wrong about Kath & Kim, or the networks are more desperate than anyone thought to keep the airwaves buzzing. Last week, I reported that the buzz about the NBC comedy was more of a spit bubble, but the network has given the show a full-season pickup, according to a story in Variety on Friday. With an average of about 6 million viewers over its four episodes so far, the Americanized adaptation of the Australian hit has retained enough My Name Is Earl viewers from the preceding Thursday night slot to get an order of a further nine episodes, and the likelihood of a DVD season box set on the shelves by summer.

Another lucky prime-time title is Samantha Who?, the Christina Applegate vehicle, which got an order of another seven episodes from ABC, after pulling in 9.6 million viewers last Monday. Things aren't looking so good for 'Til Death, which Fox has pulled from Wednesday night for the next two weeks in favour of House reruns, promising in that vague Fox kinda way to bring it back after November sweeps are over.

The CW has also made some confident noises, upping episode orders for shows like 90210 and One Tree Hill, which have been expanded to 24

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episodes, and Gossip Girl, which will be filling out a 25-episode season. It's nice to know that, in these perilous economic times, at least a few showrunners and executive producers will be able to upgrade their car lease to the latest Benz sedan.

Not so lucky is Valentine and Easy Money, two CW shows which "had been put on hiatus with skeleton crews while more scripts were written," according to L.A. Weekly's insider Nikki Finke, but have now been put on "permanent hiatus," a Hollywood euphemism that has a meaning much like "concrete tuxedo" does in organized crime, or "non-

operative personnel" in the military.

Finally, I have sad proof that the world isn't organized in a Cartesian system in which I am the sole central consciousness: Fox has ordered a fifth season of American Dad, while cancelling King of the Hill after this final, 13th season. I have long been convinced that I was the only person watching KOTH, while I have several sound scientific studies proving that American Dad is only slightly funnier than looped footage of racehorses breaking their legs in crowded turns, writhing in pain before being discretely dispatched out of sight of the crowds. This news confirms that I am not, in fact, the centre of the universe, while there are millions of people out there who will laugh at anything.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Good cast but thrills fall flat

The Haunting of Molly Hartley

Director: Mickey Liddell
Stars: Haley Bennett, Jake Weber, Chace Crawford
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●½



Haley Bennett

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

Everyone knows the drill, the horror-movie drill. Things seem to be going along smoothly, then — boo! — the usually innocuous surprise, like a bark from a dog or a tap on the shoulder from a friend.

Used sparingly, this horror-movie device can be fun and effective. It heightens tension then immediately releases it — sometimes you can hear the sighs of relief in the theatre. It's part of the reason why we enjoy the horror-movie ride.

But used too frequently, this device becomes predictable and, eventually, boring. That's what happens in The Haunting of Molly Hartley, a choppy, disjointed movie short on scares and story.

It's like they couldn't wait to make a movie, so

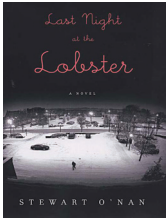
they plowed ahead with the production without developing a plot. The script is lazy: Stuff happens that isn't connect-

ed, you can see some events coming a mile away, and — worst of all — an amoral, baffling ending that explains nothing. We're expected to be satisfied knowing that, OK, this is bad stuff over here, good stuff over here. Don't sweat the details.

The cast is fine. Haley Bennett, who plays Molly Hartley, is believable as the sexy, subdued student hiding a lot. Jake Weber plays Molly's father, Robert Hartley. He reprises his role from TV's Medium, playing the sensitive, caring dad. Heartthrob Chace Crawford portrays Molly's romantic interest, Joseph Young. There's not much range in the role, but Crawford fills it dreamily.

But despite solid, likeable performances, everything The Haunting of Molly Hartley tries to do has been done better previously in other movies.

BookPick



Last Night at the Lobster

Author: Stewart O'Nan
Publisher: Penguin Books
Price: \$14.50 (Paperback)

Manny DeLeon is stuck between a fish and an olive. Well, not literally. He's the manager of a Red Lobster in New England that is being forced to close its doors. Not only does that mean Manny is out of a job he's inordinately attached to, but he's being bumped down to assistant manager and transferred to the Olive Garden. Add that to his romance woes — he's struggling between his past lover Jacquie and girlfriend Deena. In Last Night at the Lobster, Manny has one night to keep himself together in spite of what he's got to lose.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

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critics' corner

CSI: Miami

Days on the job site without an accident: zero. In this new episode, a 200-foot crane crashes into a Miami high-rise, putting Delko and Calleigh (Adam Rodriguez, Emily Procter) in danger and ruining Horatio's (David Caruso) best hope of catching a notorious crime boss. But don't worry; everyone has adequate insurance. 8 PM on CFCN



Dragon's Den

In this new episode, the Dragons hear a pitch from a former wrestler who has a new bodybuilding system. Also seeking support are a florist who wants to grow his operation, a prodigy with a teaching-tool business and the inventor of a new disposal method for dog waste. 8 PM on CBRT

Boston Legal

Alan Shore and Denny Crane (James Spader, William Shatner) sue the government when cattle rancher Carol Hober (guest star Valerie Bertinelli) — who Crane believes is the spitting image of Valerie Bertinelli — accuses the USDA of not allowing her to test all her cows for mad cow disease, an affliction that's close to Denny's heart. But Denny continually irritates Carol when he tries to make her confess that she really is Bertinelli. 8:02 PM on CHTV

On the web

Scott "The Sartorialist" Schuman:

- Street-fashion photographer Scott Schuman reveals what catches his eye and what cities have him hit his shutter-button. Read it at metronews.ca/style

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Celebrity Buzz

Kidman keeping daughter protected

PARENTING Nicole Kidman refuses to show her baby daughter off to the world because she's made a point to keep her as protected as possible, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The actress gave birth to Sunday Rose in July and she insists

there won't be any family magazine spread or intimate shots released online.

That means she and husband Keith Urban are willing to fight the world's paparazzi over what has become a top-price first picture of the new baby.

"People say, 'Oh, it would be so much easier if you'd just let them (paparazzi) get a photo of her.' And I can't. I'm like, 'I don't want to. I want her to stay out of that,'" Kidman tells the upcoming issue of America's Parade magazine. "Maybe that will wane as she gets bigger, and I'll be easier with it. But, for now, I'm keeping her in a bubble."

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Olsen planning to wed?

WEDDING Actress Ashley Olsen is planning to marry National Treasure star Justin Bartha in a secret \$1-million US ceremony on the French Riviera, according to reports.

The pair is rumoured to be in discussions about possible nuptials in the South of France next summer, [imdb.com](#) reports.

According to the National Enquirer, 22-year-old Olsen's wedding party will include twin sister Mary-Kate, her 19-year-old sister Lizzie and half-sister Taylor, 12. Her two brothers are said to have been enlisted as groomsmen for the event. And the star

has reportedly tapped her famous friends to help her celebrate.

"Ashley has dreamed of having her wedding on the French Riviera, and she's going to ask her favourite designer, Karl Lagerfeld, to create a custom-designed gown ... She also wants photographer Annie Leibovitz, who Mary-Kate has worked with, to capture the entire extravaganza on film," a source tells the tabloid. Olsen has been dating 30-year-old Bartha since the beginning of the year.

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Alba inspires Spelling

HEALTH Actress Tori Spelling had a hard time regaining her pre-pregnancy figure, but looked to actress Jessica Alba for inspiration to shed the weight, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The star welcomed her second child, Stella Doreen, on June 9, whereas Alba gave birth to Honor Marie on June 7.

Seeing photos of a slim Alba spurred Spelling on to get back in shape.

"I would look at pictures of myself and compare them to Jessica Alba, who had her baby two days before me. I'd see photos of her two months after and go, 'Look at her!'" Spelling says.

But being mom to Stella and one-year-old Liam

came first to Spelling, and she refused to forfeit her time with them for the sake of her figure.

"The best way to lose weight is to make it a family affair," she says. "It has changed my life. It's easier now because I'm not as focused on it. Take your time. If you get obsessed, you'll miss out on great moments with your children."

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Cowell, girlfriend call it quits

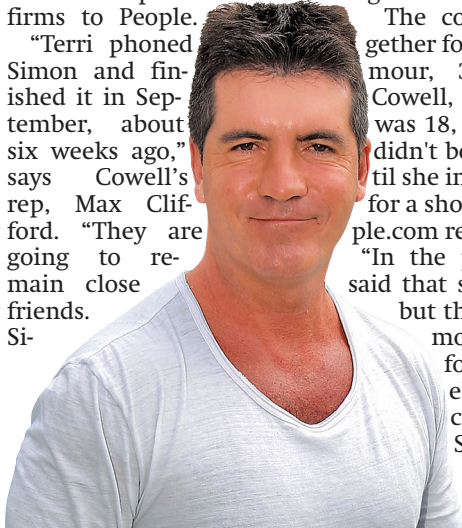
BREAKUP American Idol judge Simon Cowell and his girlfriend Terri Seymour have called it quits, Cowell's rep confirms to People.

"Terri phoned Simon and finished it in September, about six weeks ago," says Cowell's rep, Max Clifford. "They are going to remain close friends. Simon thinks the world of Terri and that isn't going to change. He also understands her reason for ending it."

The couple were together for six years. Seymour, 34, first met Cowell, 48, when she was 18, but the couple didn't begin dating until she interviewed him for a show in 2002, People.com reports.

"In the past Terri has said that she wants kids but that just isn't Simon," adds Clifford. "Nobody else is involved, certainly not on Simon's side."

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celebrity briefs

Hudson may be dating athlete

DATING Kate Hudson is dating her childhood friend, Los Angeles Clippers star Baron Davis, according to reports. Hudson, who has known Davis since she was 16, has been spotted out with him in Los Angeles, according to Star magazine.

"Kate and Baron looked like they were on a date," a source says. "They enjoyed a few drinks together and whispered in each other's ear throughout the night. At the end, they jumped into his car and drove back to her house in Pacific Palisades. They've been spending more and more time together since Baron moved back to L.A. this summer."

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Electra not rushing down the aisle

MARRIAGE She's wearing an engagement ring, but actress Carmen Electra is in no rush to say "I do," People.com reports.

"That's the thing this time — we're going to avoid everyone else's pressure and go at our own pace," said Electra, whose fiancé is Rob Patterson. "Right now, we're just taking things really slow."

Electra, who was previously married to rocker Dave Navarro and NBA star Dennis Rodman, got engaged to Patterson in April.

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FameThrower

Joe O'Neill



Joe's take on celebrities

Nicole Kidman is intent upon continuing to shield her new daughter **Sunday Roast** from the paparazzi. It's effectively a two-pronged message. First, it suggests that **Nicole** does in fact have greater maternal instincts than an igneous rock, and secondly it sends a missive to the photographers that the bounty's never been higher on a photo of the kid. Nicely done, Nic!

I don't doubt **Kidman's** ability to successfully conceal the child. She's kept any discernable acting talent hidden for close to twenty years now. No word on how protective **Kidman** feels about **Conor** and **Isabella Cruise**, the two children that she and **Tom Cruise** adopted, although given the fact that they're being raised by their father, their comment would probably go something like, "Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!"

Perhaps I'm being far too cynical. Maybe **Kidman** has been struck by the magic of motherhood and she and her hubby really will fight to the death against the prying photogs who vie for the image of their progeny. To which I reply, "Get over yourself!"

The common housefly is a mother a million times over. Maybe all the Botox has frozen your brain, but you had a child, you didn't lay a golden egg!

And when's your next bad movie coming out, anyway?

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